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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

More than three years have passed since the filing of the above-referenced patent application. No communication has been received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office to indicate any action taken in the application. The application was filed on September 29, 2000; a certified copy of German Patent Application No. 20006032.5 for which priority has been claimed was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 10, 2000; and a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on

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Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

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